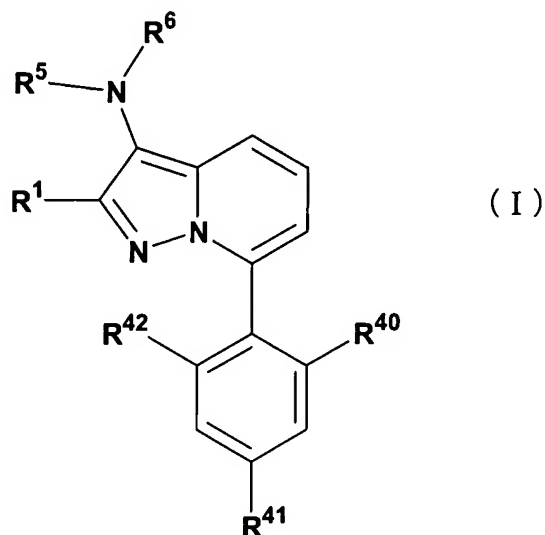


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

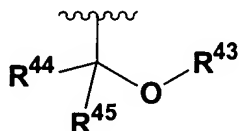
1-2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously presented) A compound represented by the formula:



[wherein  $R^1$  is a group represented by the formula  $-G^{1z}-R^{1z}$  (wherein  $G^{1z}$  is a single bond, oxygen or sulfur, and  $R^{1z}$  is methyl or ethyl) or methoxymethyl;

$R^5$  and  $R^6$  are each independently hydrogen, *t*-butoxycarbonyl or a group represented by the formula  $-X^{6b}-X^{7b}$  (wherein  $X^{6b}$  is methylene and  $X^{7b}$  is  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl,  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl, tetrahydropyran-yl or tetrahydrofuran-yl); and wherein  $R^{40}$  and  $R^{42}$  are each independently  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy, and  $R^{41}$  is a group represented by the formula:

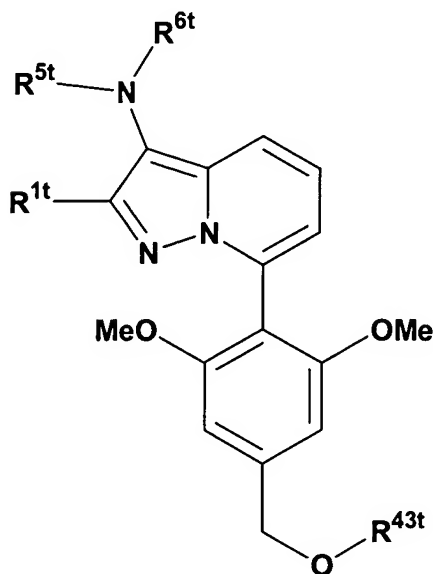


(wherein  $R^{44}$  and  $R^{45}$  are each independently hydrogen, methyl or ethyl; and  $R^{43}$  is  $C_{1-6}$  alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 3 substituents selected from Substituent Group B below,

wherein Substituent Group B is the group consisting of fluorine atom, chlorine atom, bromine atom, cyano,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy, pyrrolidinyl, piperazinyl, piperidyl, morpholinyl,  $C_{3-8}$  cycloalkyl, tetrahydropyran-yl and tetrahydrofuran-yl),

a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing.

4. (Original) A compound represented by the formula:



[wherein R<sup>5t</sup> and R<sup>6t</sup> are each independently cyclopropylmethyl, (4-tetrahydropyranyl)methyl, (3-tetrahydrofuranyl)methyl or (2-tetrahydrofuranyl)methyl;

R<sup>1t</sup> is methoxy, methylthio, methyl, ethyl or methoxymethyl; and

R<sup>43t</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub> alkyl],

a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing.

5. (Original) A compound according to claim 4, a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing, wherein R<sup>43t</sup> is methyl.

6. (Original) A compound according to claim 4, a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing, wherein R<sup>1t</sup> is methoxy, methylthio or ethyl.

7. (Original) A compound according to claim 4, a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing, wherein R<sup>5t</sup> is cyclopropylmethyl or (4-tetrahydropyranyl)methyl.

8. (Original) A compound according to claim 4, a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing, wherein R<sup>5t</sup> is (4-tetrahydropyranyl)methyl.

9. (Original) A compound according to claim 4, a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing, wherein R<sup>5t</sup> is (4-tetrahydropyranyl)methyl, and R<sup>6t</sup> is cyclopropylmethyl.

10. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 3, a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing, wherein the compound is *N*-cyclopropylmethyl-*N*-7-[2,6-dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethyl)phenyl]-2-ethylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl-*N*-tetrahydro-2*H*-4-pyranylmethylamine, *N*-cyclopropylmethyl-*N*-7-[4-(ethoxymethyl)-2,6-dimethoxyphenyl]-2-ethylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl-*N*-tetrahydro-2*H*-4-pyranylmethylamine or *N*-cyclopropylmethyl-*N*-[7-[2,6-dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethyl)phenyl]-2-(methylsulfanyl)pyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl]-*N*-tetrahydro-2*H*-4-pyranylmethylamine.

11. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 3, a salt thereof or a hydrate of the foregoing, wherein the compound is *N*-cyclopropylmethyl-*N*-7-[2,6-dimethoxy-4-(methoxymethyl)phenyl]-2-ethylpyrazolo[1,5-*a*]pyridin-3-yl-*N*-tetrahydro-2*H*-4-pyranylmethylamine.

12-14. (Canceled).

15. (Previously presented) A corticotropin-releasing factor (CRF) receptor antagonist comprising a compound according to claim 3 or a salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

16-29. (Canceled).

30. (Previously presented) A therapeutic method for treating at least one disease selected from the group consisting of depression, general anxiety disorder and anxiety, comprising administration of an effective amount of a compound according to claim 3 or a salt thereof for treating said disease.